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COUNTY TREASURER DILIBERTI REPORTS MILLION-DOLLAR TREASURER'S OFFICE REVENUE SURPLUS

Citing staff teamwork, increased efforts to work out payment plans with delinquent taxpayers and mortgage companies, on-line information services, and automated payment systems, Milwaukee County Treasurer Daniel Diliberti reported an increase of one million dollars in revenues generated by his office.

In a report to the County Board Finance Committee, Diliberti said that the increase in 2010 collections reflects a steady rise in that office's revenues – which now amounts to a total increase of 300% since 2004, with no additional staff.

Diliberti attributed the revenue increases to continual strategic improvements in office operations, including (1) improvements in automated banking operations; (2) implementation of on-line tax information and payment functions; (3) keeping homeowners informed of delinquent tax status through quarterly billing statements and payment plans; and (4) improved information exchanges with bank and federal mortgage re-write programs.

"With declining sales tax revenues due to the effects of the recession and the projected multi-million dollar county deficit," Diliberti said, "these additional revenues are welcome relief for the ongoing operation of the jail, the courts, emergency government and paramedics, and many other vital community services provided by Milwaukee County."